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Federal Election Commission ATTN: Anne Marie Brady 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Dear Commissioners:

While running for the delegate seat from American Samoa in 1988, my campaign committee (Faleomavaega for Congress Committee, or Committee) ordered ball caps and T-shirts from Lee's Enterprises in American Samoa. The vendor told the Committee that we would get a good deal, and a price was not discussed. The merchandise arrived and was used by the Committee. When the bill arrived for the merchandise, I was very surprised by the amount as it was about twice as much as I expected. The Committee made payments on the debt early on, but a balance of \$6,440 has been reported to the Federal Election Commission (Commission) for many years now.

I have not seen a business enterprise for Lee's Enterprises for several years now, nor have I been able to locate the business or its owner, even after a Committee member attempted to find the business in person.

In October 2001, the Committee sent a letter via certified mail to Lee's Enterprises in an attempt to settle this debt. The letter was returned annotated as "unclaimed/refused". A copy of the letter and the envelope are enclosed.

I believe that Lee's Enterprises is no longer in business. I have been unable to locate the business, its former owner, or any entity that has a right to be paid the amount owed. Under the provisions of 11 CFR 116.9, I request that the Commission make a determination that this debt is no longer payable under the Federal Election Campaign Act ot.1971..as amended....

Sincerely.